

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please **AMEND** the claims as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the devices comprise:
  - a rigid stem (1), comprising one or two non-cutting tips (2); and
  - a supporting region (3).
2. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the device is made of a metallic material.
3. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the metallic material comprises aluminum.
4. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein the metallic material comprises chrome-plated aluminum.
5. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the metallic material comprises stainless steel.

6. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the device is made of a plastic material.

7. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the plastic material comprises acrylic.

8. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the length of the stem (1) varies between 30 and 40 centimeters.

9. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the stem (1) varies between 1.5 and 20 millimeters.

10. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the stem (1) is cylindrical.

11. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the tip (2) is convex.

12. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the diameter of the tip (2) varies between 1.0 and 20 millimeters.

13. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the supporting region (3) is ribbed to provide a better grip in handling of the device.

14. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the supporting region (3) is provided in cylindrical shape.

15. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the supporting region (3) is located at the central region of the device, dividing the stem (1) in two parts.

16. (withdrawn; previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the supporting region (3) is located at one end of the device, such that the stem (4) has one single part.

17. (currently amended) A method for cutaneous tissue detachment, comprising the steps of:

- a) marking an area of tissue for cutaneous tissue detachment;
- b) forming at least two cutaneous tissue incisions of approximately 2.5 cm each;
- c) passing a first rod having a first diameter through the entire marked cutaneous tissue area;
- d) passing at least a second rod having a second rod diameter greater than the first rod diameter through the entire marked cutaneous tissue area;

- c) tapering at least one blood vessel in the marked tissue area;
- f) sectioning the at least one tapered blood vessel [[by]] after progressively stretching the tapered blood vessel;
- g) causing formation of one or more blood clots in a tapered portion of the sectioned vessel; and
- h) incarcerating the one or more formed blood clots in an extremity of the sectioned vessel until blood no longer flows past the one or more incarcerated clots, wherein steps c) through h) are performed without cauterization.

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21.        (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein steps c) through h) are performed without using scissors or a scalpel.

22.        (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein steps c) through h) are repeated until approximately 90% of the eutaneous marked tissue area is detached from the underlying fatty tissue.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the first and second rod diameters are between 1.5 mm and 20 mm.